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SUBJECT: BRAZIL REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR ITS ICAO CANDIDACY

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1. DURING A JUNE 16 CONVERSATION SEEKING GOB SUPPORT FOR THE USG ICAO CANDIDACY (REFTEL), OUR GOB INTERLOCUTORS FORMALLY REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR THE BRAZIL'S CANDIDACY TO THE ICAO. TO MAKE THE CASE FOR THE GOB CANDIDACY TO PART I OF THE ICAO COUNCIL, MARCUS DA COSTA RAMALHO OF THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF ECONOMICS FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING NON-PAPER.

BEGIN TEXT OF NON-PAPER (ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ORIGINAL):

A. BRAZIL HAS A NATURAL VOCATION FOR AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES DUE TO ITS CONTINENTAL DIMENSION AND TO THE RELEVANT ROLE ACCOMPLISHED BY AIR TRANSPORT IN THE NATIONAL INTEGRATION PROCESS. IT HAS OVER 800 AERONAUTICAL COMPANIES, COMPRISING OPERATORS OF REGULAR LINES, NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS AND SPECIALIZED AIR SERVICES. THEIR FLEETS COMPRISE AROUND 11,000 AIRCRAFT OF ALL CATEGORIES. THE AERONAUTICAL SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN BRAZIL DISPLAYS A TOTAL OF 2,435 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AIRPORTS, OF WHICH 29 OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC, ALL OF THEM PROJECTED AND BUILT BY BRAZILIAN COMPANIES.

B. THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AIR SPACE CONTROL REACH AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 22 MILLION SQUARE KILOMETERS. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ROUTES AND SERVICES STRUCTURES UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND/OR RESPONSIBILITY OF A SINGLE COUNTRY. EFFECTIVE RADAR COVERAGE IS PROVIDED FOR ALL CONTINENTAL AND FOR A PART OF THE OCEANIC ROUTES, DISTRIBUTED AMONG FIVE FIR/UTA (FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION / UPPER TRAFFIC AREA), SUPPORTED BY THE BRAZILIAN AIR SPACE CONTROL SYSTEM (SISCEAB), THROUGH THEIR INTEGRATED CENTERS OF DEFENSE AND CONTROL OF AIR TRAFFIC (CINDACTA), AS WELL AS THE MANAUS (AMAZON AREA) REGIONAL SERVICE OF FLIGHT PROTECTION (SRPV-MN).

C. BRAZIL HOSTS THE WORLD'S FOURTH LARGEST AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER - EMBRAER - WHOSE CIVIL AVIATION PRODUCTS COVER PASSENGER CAPACITIES OF UP TO 110 SEATS. PRODUCTS IN THE AREA OF DEFENSE INCLUDE TRAINING, TRANSPORT AND COMBAT AIRCRAFT, BESIDES TYPES USED FOR INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE TASKS.

D. BRAZIL HAS KEPT AN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ICAO SINCE THE CONFERENCE HELD IN 1944, NOT ONLY IN ITS COUNCIL BUT ALSO IN THE AERIAL NAVIGATION COMMISSION AND IN NEARLY ALL THE PANELS, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS IN THE ORGANIZATIONS' ORBIT.

E. BRAZIL COMMITTED ITS AIR TRANSPORT MEANS IN MATTERS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, AND IS THE ONLY SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMITTEE OF CIVIL AVIATION ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (CAEP).

F. FINALLY, IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT BRAZIL ADOPTED AN EFFECTIVE PREVENTION ACTION REGARDING THE OPERATIONAL SECURITY OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION, OBTAINING A RATE OF 1.05 ACCIDENTS FOR EACH MILLION TAKE-OFFS FOR AIRPLANES WITH A MAXIMUM TAKE-OFF WEIGHT ABOVE 60,000 POUNDS IN THE LAST NINE YEARS.

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